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Today's Forecast- Ball
speed at 20 mph and
100% chance of severe
STORMS in the Midwest



Youth Bowling Prodigy Emerges For Huskies

A new season of high school bowling is fast approaching and this year it features an array of young bowling talent from Northern Illinois. Among them is a 15-year old Harlem High School freshman, Joey Miller. Joey has been bowling since the age of three and was ranked #4 in the Northern Illinois Middle School bowling program. He very well could be the next bowling prodigy to come from the Midwest. As a newcomer to the high school scene, Joey is determined to make the Varsity team as a freshman- a tough feat considering the talent pool that is common to the Huskies. If so, he will join his older brother, Ryan in a quest to capture a Northern Illinois Conference (NIC-10) title for their school. This would be the first State title since 2003. Last year, Joey set a personal best average of 199 while bowling for Harlem Middle School on a house pattern. However, his biggest challenge this year will be maintaining those scores on the new Kegel "Middle of the Road" pattern now required in the NIC-10 conference. This is a difficult change for everyone and one that will challenge the physical and mental game of each team member. During his Saturday morning YABA League, Joey rolled an incredible 750 series, which caught the eyes of many spectators at Cherry Bowl Lanes in Rockford, IL. Joey has yet to bowl a perfect game, but he says it's only a matter of time before that happens. "I just want it to happen before my brother. It's a friendly, brotherly competition but it's still a competition," says Joey. He nearly shot 300 during a recent practice session, but a solid 9 pin in the ninth frame cost him bowling perfection. Settling for a 279 and moving forward, Joe is working hard to improve his release so he can create more revs and better pin carry. Eventually Joey wants to develop his own technique similar to what PBA star Sean Rash has done, so he can generate a ton of revolutions and power~ Miller-style. According to Joey, "It's a great feeling to hear a thunderous boom when the ball reaches the pins or when there's a messenger or deadwood from a great shot. I love it!" This, my friends, is *not* your Average Joe. *This* is a bowling prodigy.

JOEY MILLER

**Highest
Sanctioned
Average:**
199

**Highest
Sanctioned
Scratch Game:**
277

**Highest
Sanctioned 3-
Game Series:**
750

**Preferred
Ball:**
Mutant Cell

**Favorite
Storm Pro
Bowler:**
Jason
Belmonte

**Favorite
Quote:**
"Just Do It"

**Favorite
Bowling
Center:**
Cherry Bowl
Lanes
Rockford, IL



Cherry Bowl, Rockford, IL-
Joey Miller participates in the
end-of-the-season Northern
Illinois Middle School Bowling
Conference "Top 8" tourna-
ment in February. He finished
the day with a first place
finish. His technique features
a high backswing with lots of
ball speed and audience
gasps.

